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Grades	Grade names and specifications
B4VF	Fair Greenish-tan Leaf. Medium body, underripe, close to firm, wavy, dull finish, narrow, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5VF	Low Greenish-tan Leaf. Medium body, underripe, close, wrinkly, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
B3VR	Good Greenish-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4VR	Fair Greenish-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5VR	Low Greenish-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
B3GF	Good Green-tan Leaf. Fleshy to medium body, immature, firm to open, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4GF	Fair Green-tan Leaf. Fleshy to medium body, immature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5GF	Low Green-tan Leaf. Fleshy to medium body, immature, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
B3GR	Good Green-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, immature, close to firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4GR	Fair Green-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid to close, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow width, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5GR	Low Green-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid, rough, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3154 Tips (T Group).

This group consists of leaves usually grown at the top of the stalk. These relatively narrow and sharp-pointed leaves have the general characteristics of B-Group tobacco. Tips have a slightly lower degree of maturity and leaf structure than other leaves on the stalk. (See Rule 12.)

Grades	Grade names and specifications
T3F	Good Tan Tips. Medium body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4F	Fair Tan Tips. Medium body, mature, firm, wavy dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5F	Low Tan Tips. Medium body, mature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T3FR	Good Tannish-red Tips. Fleshy to medium body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4FR	Fair Tannish-red Tips. Fleshy to medium body, mature, firm, wavy, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5FR	Low Tannish-red Tips. Fleshy to medium body, mature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T3R	Good Red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature to ripe, firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4R	Fair Red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5R	Low Red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature, close, rough, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4D	Fair Dark-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature, close, wrinkly, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5D	Low Dark-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, underripe to mature, solid, rough, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4K	Fair Variegated Tips. Fleshy, mature, close to firm, wrinkly, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5K	Low Variegated Tips. Heavy to fleshy, underripe to mature, solid to close, rough, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4VF	Fair Greenish-tan Tips. Medium body, underripe, close to firm, wavy, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5VF	Low Greenish-tan Tips.

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Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Medium body, underripe, close, wrinkly, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4VR	Fair Greenish-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5VR	Low Greenish-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4GF	Fair Green-tan Tips. Fleshy to medium body, immature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5GF	Low Green-tan Tips. Fleshy to medium body, immature, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4GR	Fair Green-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid to close, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5GR	Low Green-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3155 Mixed (M Group).

This group consists of tobacco of distinctly different groups which are mixed together in various combinations.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
M3F	Good Light Mixed. General quality of X3, C3, B3, T3, medium to tissuey body, light general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
M4F	Fair Light Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, medium to tissuey body, light general color under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5F	Low Light Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, medium to tissuey body, light general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M3FR	Good Dark Mixed. General quality of X3, C3, B3, T3, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
M4FR	Fair Dark Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.

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Grades	Grade names and specifications
M5FR	Low Dark Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M4K	Fair Variegated Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, fleshy to thin body, under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5K	Low Variegated Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, fleshy to thin body, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M4G	Fair Green Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, and T4, heavy to tissuey body, immature, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5G	Low Green Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, and T5, heavy to tissuey body, immature, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3156 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
N1L	First Quality Light Colored Nondescript Thin to tissuey body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1F	First Quality Medium Colored Nondescript Fleshy to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1R	First Quality Dark Colored Nondescript Heavy to fleshy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1G	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2L	Second Quality Light to Medium Colored Nondescript Medium to tissuey body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2R	Second Quality Medium to Dark Colored Nondescript Heavy to medium body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2G	Second Quality Crude Green Nondescript Over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3157 Scrap (S Group).

A by-product of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.